

- **Belmont Housing Trust Minutes** for November 19, 2009

- **In Attendance**—Judie Feins, Gloria Leipzig, Ann Silverman, Roger Colton, Ann Verrilli, Charles Laverty, Jonathan Jacoby

- **Minutes**—The minutes for October 15, 2009, were approved as corrected.

- **MHP Grant/MetroWest Collaborative**—Judie reported that she had met with Selectman Dan Leclerc to explain the Collaborative and answer his questions.~ He did not raise any objections.

- Ann S. reported on the Nov. 18 meeting of the Collaborative.~ Lexington is moving forward while the boards of Watertown Community Housing (WCH) and the Waltham Alliance to Create Housing (WATCH) expressed an interest in moving forward but have some questions about the collaborative proposal.~ Belmont is on track, with HOME administrative money available.

- ~~~~~ The group discussed a proposal suggested at the 11/18 meeting for proceeding on a 6-12 month trial basis to test out how the arrangement will work.~ There was a request for the nomination of two Collaborative Board members from each town.~ Ann Silverman agreed to be one of Belmont's representatives and Gloria Leipzig, Ann Verrilli and Charles Laverty volunteered to be backups.~ Ann is to talk to Alisa about the other nominated position and Roger had two suggestions of people who were not Trust Members.

- ~~~~~ The next meeting of the Collaborative is Dec. 18 at 8:30 AM in Watertown.~ There is a proposal for a January meeting of the larger grouping from each town.

- ~~~~~ A motion was made and passed to ask for a Memorandum of Understanding from the Collaborative setting out an invoicing mechanism for Belmont's annual contribution, to be vetted by the Community Development office.~ Roger thought its language might also need to be approved by Town Counsel.

- **Inclusionary Zoning**—The amendment passed overwhelmingly at Town Meeting with no changes from the version proposed by the Planning Board. The first development in Town affected by the amendment will be the Cushing Square project. The discussion moved on to other properties that might now be in play for development, largely along Trapelo Road and some of which the Trust may want to study for feasibility.

- **Comprehensive Plan**—Roger reported that the final report of the Housing Working Group stressed housing development, including mixed use, cluster development and tax credits for rehab to retain existing housing. There will be a public meeting of the Comprehensive Plan process in mid-December

that will include the housing report, with the commercial development part coming later. The consultants will be integrating the various reports prepared. This is the second year of the process; after the third year the Selectmen will vote to approve or reject the plan. Roger thought the Trust's role after that would be to write bylaws for implementation of the plan.

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- **Old Business**—The Town Planning Board voted 5-0 to approve the 40R—Oakley Overlay District development plan for the Our Lady of Mercy property submitted by Ron Lopez. The Trust still has questions about the financing and the implementation of procedures for the affordable units that were not sufficiently addressed in writing the decision.

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- Submitted by Jonathan Jacoby